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MEMORANDUM

To: Special Education Directors/Administrators
From: Linda Copas, TN DOE
Subject: Social Skills Workshop
Date: February 2, 2010

The Tennessee Department of Education, in partnership with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders (TRIAD) is please to provide an autism-specific workshop for school personnel titled **“Awakening the Social Butterfly in Your Middle School/High School Students with ASD”**.

Although social skills deficits are a primary feature of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), addressing the social needs of students remains one of the most difficult aspects of educational programming. Building social skills in adolescents helps support relationships that impact performance in school and future employment. This training will equip participants with the knowledge to better understand and assess the social needs of their students, as well as provide strategies for effective social programming.

This full-day workshop is intended for parents, educators, administrators, and related service providers who support **middle school and high school students** with ASD. Hours are 8:30-3:30 and lunch is ‘on your own’. **There is no cost for this workshop.**

To register, fill out the next page and return it using the instructions at the top. **You must be registered to attend.** After receiving your registration, I will e-mail you with the location of the workshop for which you registered. This return e-mail will be your confirmation. Registration will not be accepted by phone. ***Please do not call to confirm your registration.*** If the session is filled, you will be notified via e-mail.

Sessions fill quickly, so don’t wait until the last minute to register. It may be full!

TRIAD 2010 Spring Session
“Awakening the Social Butterfly”

Fax to: LINDA COPAS
Fax #: 615-532-9412

REGISTRATION

Directions: Print LEGIBLY, and fax to Linda Copas

Name_____

County/School System where you work/live _____

Relationship to child with autism_____

E-mail address:_____

Phone (include area code):_____

Please check the session you wish to attend: (check one only)

_____ **West TN** March 9, 2010
Location: Jackson

_____ **Middle TN** March 11, 2010
Location: Nashville

_____ **East TN** March 16, 2010
Location: Knoxville

Questions? Contact Linda Copas at 615-741-7790 or linda.copas@tn.gov